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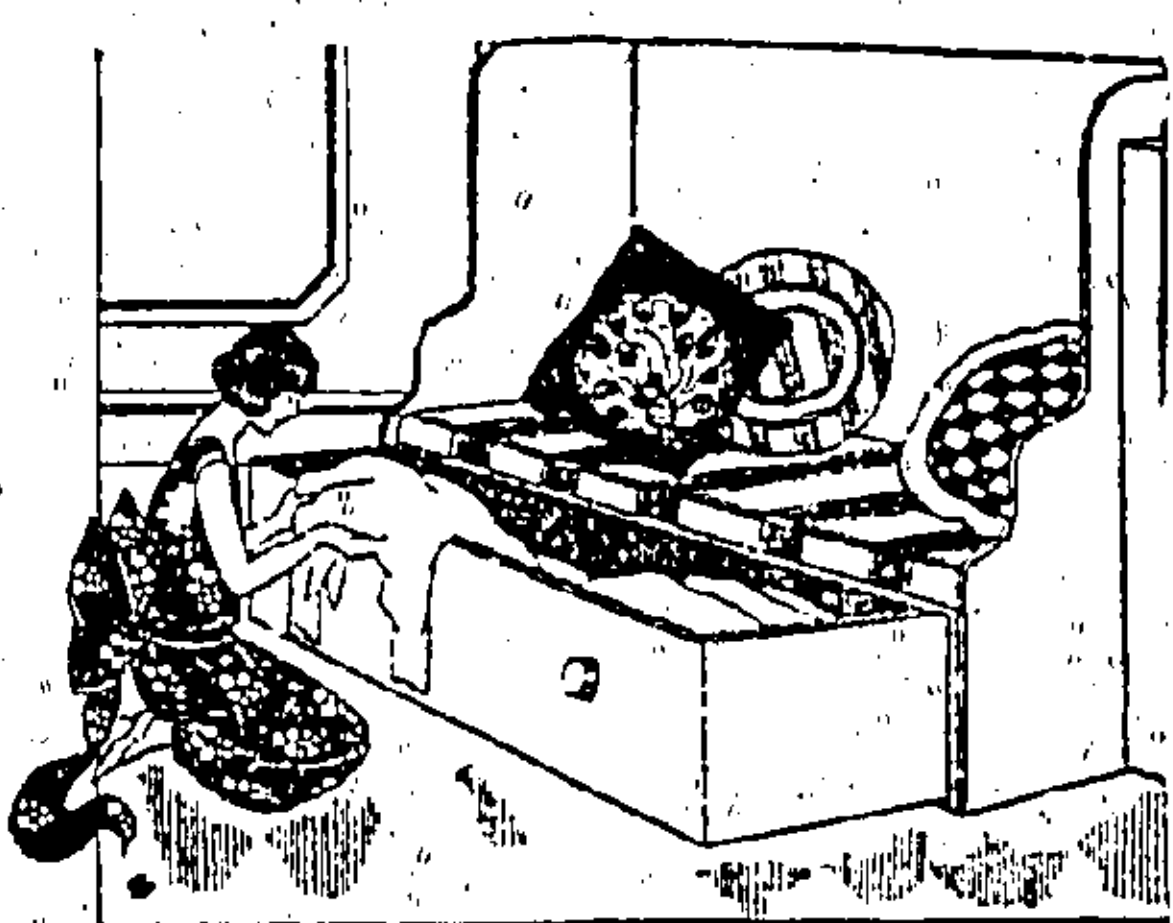
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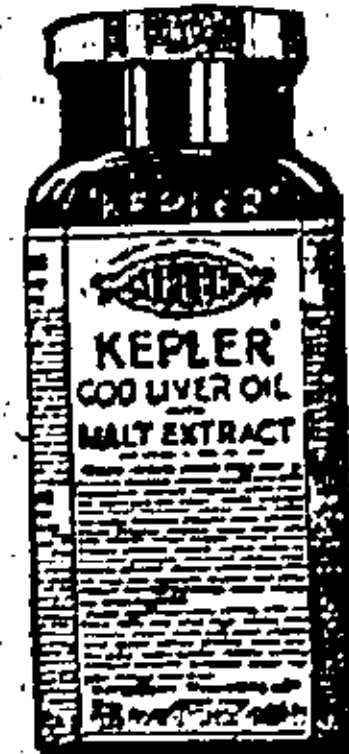


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MALAYAN RUBBER.

FEVERISH ACTIVITY IN THE PLANTATIONS.

(BY A CORRESPONDENT OF "THE TIMES.")

KUALA LUMPUR.

A typical advertisement in a local paper runs:—

Wanted.—Tapping contractor with twenty or fifty really good tappers. Must have satisfactory credentials. High yielding estate 500 lb. per acre within seven miles of Kuala Lumpur.

The advertiser wants a Chinese contractor, and the facts that the estate is high yielding and that it is near Kuala Lumpur are mentioned in order to attract Chinese tappers who are usually paid according to the amount of latex they can produce per day. As every rubber planter knows, the Chinese tapper spares neither himself nor the tree in his efforts to produce the utmost amount of latex. It is to his advantage to do so, and he cannot be blamed. But it is to be hoped that the practice of surrendering high yielding rubber trees to the mercy of Chinese contractors and Chinese tappers will not become general in Malaya, else the future of Malayan plantations will be worse than their immediate past and only the present will prove any thing like satisfactory.

It is admitted that the labour force which is now available on the rubber plantations in Malaya is far from sufficient to produce 85 per cent. of the standard production. When the price of rubber was low, all the estates reduced their labour forces in order to cut down the cost of production, and a large number of labourers returned to their homes in South India with tales of woe. They had been practically turned out of the estates on which they worked, and to the masses in the Indian villages, among whom these returned labourers moved, one practical demonstration was worth hundreds of propaganda pamphlets. When the price of rubber began to improve, recruiting started again, but the damage which had been done could not be easily repaired. In other words, the coolies are not coming into Malaya half as rapidly as they departed during the slump.

CRY FOR TAPPERS.

Many coolies turned out of rubber estates found employment in Federated Malay States Government departments, such as the Railway and the Public Works Department, in domestic service, and as gardeners or water carriers. Now that rubber is booming these people are scurrying back to the estates and are entirely disorganizing the communal life of the country. Tappers, tappers, and more tappers is the cry everywhere; even coolies who had never before handled a tapping knife are joining the great exodus from the towns to the estates.

In 1922, soon after restriction of exports was established by law, a mild sensation was caused by the statement made by a well-known planter and visiting agent for the Rubber Shareholders' Association to the effect that, owing to the slump and the consequent neglect of estates, over 500,000 acres were utterly ruined. The Federated Malay States Government, through its agricultural experts, took great pains to refute this statement and directly contradicted it so far as the acreage was concerned. One of the agricultural officers maintained that not even 50,000 acres had been affected at that time. In spite, however, of the restriction of exports, for more than two years, the slump has been if anything accentuated, and no one will be bold enough to say that many large areas of rubber have not been utterly neglected during that period.

The owners of rubber estates, small and large, have been waiting for the restriction scheme to justify itself, and a very small number indeed have had faith enough to put their houses in order in anticipation of the higher prices which are now being obtained for the product. This is quite plain to anyone who goes about the country and can see the feverish activity displayed everywhere in burning high yielding jungles, in removing noxious weeds, in turning over the soil and in digging drains. Even the serving of shade trees in some parts of Kuala Lumpur, are not spared in the attempt to produce an impossible percentage.

It appears to be certain that in, say, May next, very few estates will be in a position to produce 100 per cent., unless by some miracle the country is flooded with Indian labour, the European staffs are doubled, and the demand for rubber continues.

RUBBER FAMINE IN 1930.

The question most eagerly canvassed at the present moment is what will happen when the May-July, 1929, harvest arrives should the price remain in the neighbourhood of the present quotations. It is presumed that while retaining the Stevenson scheme and the law operating it on the Statute-book, the law will be allowed to fall in abeyance, to be revived whenever the price falls below the pivotal price indicated in the scheme.

One or two of the wise men of the local rubber world, whose counsel is unquestioningly accepted by planters and others in these parts, believe that there will be a rubber famine somewhere in 1930, and they urge the planting of more areas with rubber. If they are so confident of the future they does not appear to be much harm in allowing the rubber market to adjust itself and the natural laws of supply and demand to operate. The atmosphere of the rubber world would then be less artificial, and the market would be so hardened as to be able to withstand the so-called "machinations" of the buyers and manufacturers. At present, although the high prices that are being obtained have

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SCOTTISH SPORT.

CLOSE FIGHT IN RUGBY.
SCOTLAND'S WIN AT CARDIFF.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

EDINBURGH, November 4th.

There were no surprise results in Scottish Rugby, but Heriot's F.P. found it more difficult than was expected to overcome Glasgow High School F.P. This makes the coming struggle for the Championship more interesting. Were Heriot's really off-colour, and will they be able to tackle Glasgow Academicals successfully? At present the odds seem to be in favour of the Western team. This, the first visit of Heriot's to Glasgow, brought them close to defeat: it was a close call. In the end they defeated the High School by 6 points to 3, but the latter on the run of play were rather unlucky to lose, acting on the aggressive as they did for fully three parts of the game. The ability of the Edinburgh side to seize their few chances and the failure of the High School to take their numerous opportunities were the chief factors in the result. It was a hard rather than a brilliant game. Nobody, of course, expected the Edinburgh Academicals to check Glasgow Academicals, but it must be said for them that they put up a stiff fight. Watsonians won their match with R.H.S. not because they played well but because they were not so bad as their opponents. Wanderers and Stewart's both found it hard work to avoid defeat on the Borders. Principal results:—
Edin. Academicals, 0; Glasgow Academicals, 6.
Watsonians, 3; R.H.S. (F.P.), 0.
Glasgow High School, 3; Heriot's (F.P.), 6.
Jedforest, 3; Stewart's College, 5.
Gala, 3; Edin. Wanderers, 3.
West of Scotland, 11; Edin. Institution, 7.
Hawick, 9; Langholm, 6.
Melrose, 9; Selkirk, 3.
Hillhead High School, 8; Kelvin Academicals, 4.
Fettes College, 35; Glenalmond, 5.
Edin. Univ., 11; Wanderers, 5.

SCOTLAND V. WALES.

Scotland made a satisfactory start in her international series of games by defeating Wales at Cardiff by three clear goals. A week previously Ireland and England initiated the season's international fixtures at Belfast, when a goalless draw resulted from the meeting, so that Scotland goes forward with a clear lead in the International Championship. The playing of the season is an innovation which it was hoped would make it easier for clubs to release their players for international needs, a matter of considerable difficulty later on when fixtures were apt to become congested. The innovation, it is to be feared, failed of its main purpose, for at Belfast Ireland was weakened through the withdrawal of chosen players, and Wales was similarly affected at Cardiff. Wales was further fortunate against Scotland in having their mainstay and captain, Keenor, injured in the opening minutes of the game, and being thus compelled to play practically throughout the match. These circumstances considerably discounted the Scottish victory, and made the game little of a test of the merits of the victorious side. It was not until 15 minutes from the close that the Scots opened the scoring, and it may be said that until then honours lay with the Welshmen in holding out in their handicapped state. Scotland's failure to score earlier was due to faulty tactics and poor finishing.

ASSOCIATION LEAGUE.
In releasing two of their best representatives for the International, Ardronians were badly hit, and it was satisfactory in the circumstances that the Lanarkshire club won their match with Partick Thistle. In their game with Celtic, Dundee held the eleven that the previous week unexpectedly defeated Rangers, and against a Celtic eleven weakened through the absence of two of their men engaged at Cardiff, managed to secure a division of the points in a goalless draw. Dundee did not play so well against Rangers, and in attack suffered by comparison with Celtic. St. Mirren made good their position at the top of the League by defeating Heart of Midlothian, and bid fair to hold that position in the immediate future. Motherwell for the second successive week participated in a drawn game, and as a consequence are two points behind the leaders. A drawn game of 2 each was also the outcome of the meeting of Dundee United and Morton, the latter opening the scoring and again taking the lead, but ultimately having to accept a division of the points. Rangers suffered their sixth reverse, and are now seven points behind the leaders. Principal results:—
Hibernians, 3; Falkirk, 1.
St. Mirren, 2; Heart of Midlothian, 1.
Aberdeen, 3; Kilmarnock, 2.
Clydebank, 4; Cowdenbeath, 3.
Celtic, 0; Dundee, 0.
Dundee United, 2; Morton, 2.
Hamilton Academicals, 1; Queen's Park, 0.
Partick Thistle, 2; Ardronians, 3.
Raith Rovers, 1; Rangers, 0.
St. Johnstone, 2; Motherwell, 2.

Improved the financial position of many companies and incidentally of many shareholders, the Stevenson scheme and all that is connected with it appear to hang over their heads like the sword of Damocles. It is not a healthy situation, and the nervousness of the rubber market is due to fears that anything may happen between the end of one day and the beginning of another.

So far as Malaya is concerned the small boom which has been going on for the last few months has revived trade, generally to a very great extent. Simultaneously living costs are going up and housing problems are beginning to become acute. Brick business is being done in all estate requisites.

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Of the above shares 110,000 were subscribed for cash on the incorporation of the Company by the two Promoters, the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER and JAMES HARPER TAGGART, as to 15,000 each, and by the Directors, the Hon. Sir C. P. CHATER, the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK, the Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON, the Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTZEWALL, the Very Reverend Father LEON ROBERT, ROBERT GORDON SHERMAN, JOHN SCOTT HANSTON, and JAMES HARPER TAGGART as to 10,000 shares each.

On these \$3.50 per share (being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon) was paid on allotment and the balance (\$7.50 per share) will be paid when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

140,000 shares credited as fully paid up and ranking for dividend as from the 1st July, 1925, have been allotted to the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, in pursuance of the Agreement (hereinafter called "the Purchase Agreement") dated the 29th day of May, 1923, made between the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, of the one part and JAMES HARPER TAGGART on behalf of the above Company of the other part.

The remaining 250,000 shares, to rank for dividend from the 1st day of January, 1926, on the nominal amount from time to time paid up thereon but in all other respects equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for public subscription. \$3.50 per share is payable on application, being as to \$2.50 one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to \$1.00 the premium thereon. The balance due on each share, namely \$7.50, will not be called up at present but is to be called up on subsequent demand, and when capital is required.

In allotting shares the Directors will, if there are sufficient applications from *bona fide* residents in the Colony of Hongkong, allot shares to such applicants only, and they will also pay due regard to the applications of telephone subscribers.

DIRECTORS.

The Hon. Sir CATHERINE PAUL CHATER, Marbles Hall, Victoria, Hongkong, Member of the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong.

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The Hon. Mr. CHOW SHOU SON, of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, Victoria, Hongkong, Banker.

The Hon. Mr. ROBERT HORMUS KOTZEWALL, of China Building, Victoria, Hongkong, Merchant.

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JAMES HARPER TAGGART, of Victoria, Hongkong, Managing Director of The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

In pursuance of the terms of the Purchase Agreement, the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, and the Oriental Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, or either of these Companies, so long as these Companies or either of them hold in their or its own right not less than 100,000 fully paid up shares in the above Company are to have the right of nominating two Directors of the Company provided such Nominated Directors are *bona fide* residents of Hongkong. The first nominated Directors (nominated by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited,) are the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK and Mr. J. H. TAGGART.

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A. L. TERRY, A.C.I.S.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The Company was formed on the 24th June, 1925, for the purpose of taking over the undertaking in Hongkong of the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company, Limited, who was the Vendor thereof and whose Registered Office is situate at Alderman House, Alderman Walk, Bishopsgate, London, England. The material terms of the bargain are set forth in the Purchase Agreement as follows:—

"(2) The Vendor Company will sell and the Hongkong Company will purchase as at the First day of July 'One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five' the said Telephone business and the whole of the undertaking in the Colony of Hongkong and the Dependencies thereof as a going concern (with the benefit of all assets there situate but exclusive of the net profits, investments, cash in hand and in the Bank and debts due to the Vendor Company on the 'Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five' of the Vendor Company but free from all debentures, mortgages, or charges of any kind and the Vendor Company save as herein specially provided for shall pay and discharge all liabilities whatsoever incurred by the Vendor Company prior to the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five including the satisfaction of all claims in respect of staff superannuation funds bonus funds and/or other bonus payments up to and including the Thirtieth day of June One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five. Provisions always and these provisions are upon this express condition that the same shall be subject to the said James Harper Taggart being satisfied with the state and condition of the plant (including cables, conduits etc.) of the Vendor Company. The said phrase 'the undertaking' shall be deemed to include:—

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"(b) All the lands and buildings of the Vendor Company owned and/or leased by the Vendor Company for the purpose of its said business, being the premises set out in the Schedule herunder written subject to the rents conditions and reservations affecting the same.

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"(d) The benefit of all contracts and engagements entered into by the Vendor Company in the Colony of Hongkong in relation to its said business (but excepting contracts with employees of the Vendor Company for which special provision is hereafter made).

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"(4) The said consideration shall be satisfied (as to the sum of One million four hundred thousand Dollars part thereof) by the allotment and issue to the Vendor Company of One hundred and forty thousand shares of Ten Dollars each in the Hongkong Company credited as fully paid up ranking for dividend as from the First day of July One thousand nine hundred and twenty-five and (as to the balance thereof) by payment in cash in Hongkong Currency in Hongkong by the Hongkong Company to the Vendor Company.

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The Hongkong Company was formed for the purpose, also, of supplying telephonic communication within and between the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies and the New Territories for a period of Fifty years under a Concession from the Hongkong Government detailed particulars of which appear more fully in The Telephone Ordinance 1925 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Telephone Ordinance").

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(b) \$108 per Exchange Line within a radius of one mile from any exchange that may hereafter be opened outside the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(c) An additional charge of \$50 per mile or part of a mile measured outwards from the nearest point of the boundary of the areas referred to in (a) and (b).

(d) For extension telephones, bells, switches, switch-boards, power-circuits, removals, and other services of like nature, such charges as the Governor-in-Council may approve.

Should the charges above referred to be insufficient to pay to the shareholders of the Company a minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum on the paid-up capital of the Company for the time being, after making provision for working and managing expenses, maintenance and efficient

service, depreciation and reserve, and the other deductions referred to in Section 35 of the said Telephone Ordinance the above rates are to be raised so as to enable the shareholders to receive such minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum.

The amount to be written off as provided annually for depreciation is not to exceed ten per cent. on the cost of the Company's plant and equipment other than land and buildings, and the amount that may be appropriated annually by the Company to a Reserve Account shall not exceed \$50,000.

The net profits of the Company after providing as aforesaid are to be used firstly in payment to the Government of a royalty of Four Dollars in respect of each direct exchange line Telephone which has been used and paid for during the whole previous Twelve months by a Telephone Subscriber or One Dollar per direct exchange line Telephone for each period of Three months or less.

The said net profits are secondly to be applied in payment to the shareholders of the Hongkong Company of the minimum dividend of Eight per cent. per annum rising to Twelve per cent. per annum.

If the net profits be such that a larger dividend than Twelve per cent. per annum can be paid then as to the difference between Twelve per cent. and Eighteen per cent. half thereof is to be paid by way of increase of dividends to the shareholders of the Company, and the remaining half of such difference is to be set aside for the benefit of subscribers by way of reduction of the subscription rates authorised as above mentioned. The dividend payable to shareholders is limited to a maximum of Fifteen per cent. per annum.

Any further net profits (i.e., net profits in excess of Eighteen per cent. per annum) are to be applied solely for the reduction of subscription rates.

Full particulars in respect of the above appear in The Telephone Ordinance 1925.

(b) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is Seven shares.

(c) The shares now offered for subscription have not been underwritten.

(d) No commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and flotation of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business and also the legal costs and expenses of and incidental to the negotiations which have taken place for acquiring the aforesaid undertaking, and the negotiations with the Hongkong Government arising thereout and the obtaining of the aforesaid Ordinance, such legal costs and expenses to be incurred during the year 1925, and the estimated amount thereof is \$20,000.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$2,000 per annum.

(g) The Directors were interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company and of the Purchase Agreement and of The Telephone Ordinance No. 9 of 1925 can be inspected at the office of Messrs. Deacons, Solicitors for the Company, at any time during business hours.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the form accompanying the Prospectus and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$3.50 per share, being as to \$2.50 thereof one-quarter of the nominal value of the share and as to the remaining \$1.00 the premium thereon. Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned, in full and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and forms of application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, and at and from the offices of the Company's Solicitors, Messrs. Deacons, No. 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

Dated the 15th day of October, 1925.



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CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]
THE CANTON-HONGKONG
NEGOTIATIONS.

The Canton Merchants' Association and the Canton Traders' League have chosen the Rev. Wong Yuk Shing and the General Chamber of Commerce of Canton and the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Kwangtung, Mr. Wu Chung Tong, to represent them in the Canton delegation to open conversations with the Hongkong delegation with a view to ending the strike and boycott. As it is the desire of the Kuomintang to invite but one representative from the merchants only, it is expected that either Mr. Wu or the Rev. Mr. Wong will have to drop out from the delegation.

THE KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

As previously reported, there has been a split in the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, some 15 members now meeting in Peking claiming that they constitute the legal quorum, and an equal number in Canton repudiating the actions and resolutions of the other section. There is a minority of 11 members of the Committee to be heard from and their voting one way or the other may decide the issue. The Canton members are calling for the Second National Convention of the Kuomintang to meet in Canton on New Year's Day, 1926, while those in Peking have decided to call the conference in March next, in Peking or Shanghai, or perhaps Canton.

GENERAL CHIANG-KAI-SHEK.

Chiang Kai Shek is expected to return to Canton soon in order to settle a misunderstanding between Corps Commander Li Tsai Sun, and Corps Commander Chu Pei Teh, of the Kwangsi and the Yunnan mercenaries respectively, regarding their spheres of influence in Southern Kwangtung.

CENTRAL BANK AT SWATOW.

The Central Bank of the Kuomintang in Canton is to re-open its branch in Swatow. Mr. T. Y. Soong, a brother-in-law of the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, managing-director of the Central Bank, Salt Inspector, Trade and Finance Commissar, and a holder of several other important offices in Canton, has been invited to pay a visit to Swatow for the occasion. While in Swatow, he may look into the salt administration and the collection of revenue there also.

STUDENTS FOR MOSCOW.

Twenty-two Chinese students departed from Canton on board a Russian steamer for Vladivostok on December 5th in order to attend the "Chung Shan" or Dr. Sun Yat Sen University at Moscow, which is to be opened soon. The Kuomintang is sending 150 students from Canton, some 147 of whom, including eight girls, have already been selected. The "Chung Shan" University expects to enrol 250 Chinese students for the first year, and Nanking and Wuchow in Kwangsi Province will send 30 and 20 respectively.

HONGKONG AND CANTON.

NO DATE FIXED FOR DEPARTURE OF LOCAL MISSION.

While no actual date has been fixed for the departure of Hongkong's official delegation to Canton for the purpose of discussing the settlement of the strike and boycott with representatives of the Strike Executive, the Canton Merchants and the Government, the Chinese merchants of Hongkong who have been invited to visit Canton for the purpose of investigating matters for themselves, are expected to sail in a day or two.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. Yeung Sai Ngam, who recently returned to Canton from Hongkong, arrived with Mr. Wong Kwei Ki and Mr. Lu Yan Suen, Hongkong merchants, and although it is stated that Mr. Yeung is not vested with any authority, it is hoped that final arrangements for the departure of Hongkong's delegates will soon be reached.

Last night arrangements were made for Mr. Yeung to discuss matters with the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son and the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotelwall, to-day. He will probably meet a number of Chinese merchants to-day in connection with the proposed visit to Canton.

As far as Canton is concerned, the next move will probably be decided after General Chiang Kai Shek returns to Canton. He is still stated to be in the East River area directing reorganisation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN SWATOW.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—Your correspondent in his article "Position in Swatow" of November 30th made certain statements on the "curious American attitude" which needs correction.

The Swatow Christian Institute is an Institutional church, which seeks to serve the community in every way possible. Hitherto, educational work has been a very effective social service and the Institute carried on its school work with vigour. However, of the 800 students and scholars only 5 per cent. came from Christian homes.

The national movement which demands the restoration of ordinary schools to be subject to the local government authorities is one that cannot be ignored. The Institute workers felt that within a short time our schools, instead of being an acceptable social service, might become an irritating factor and a subject of controversy.

To avoid such a possibility, the Executive in charge of the Institute made overtures to the local city government to take over these schools, and to become financially responsible for them. We are convinced more than ever before that this action on our part was wise for it retained for the Christian Institute workers moral and spiritual influence, which might have been lost had we entered upon controversy. Furthermore, we can now give our attention to plans of work of greater benefit to the community. School work has been only one of our six different departments of social service.

In conclusion, it should be stated that the schools at the Christian Institute were of a different status to the schools on the compound of our American Baptist Mission at Kachich or of the schools of the E.P. Mission in Swatow-city. A printed statement, issued at the time, was circulated. Evidently your correspondent did not see it, nor hear of its existence; hence could not report that phase of the matter. Did he read my reply to the Mayor's statement printed in the papers? That too might have helped him to get the Institute's proper attitude. For I am sure his fair-mindedness would lead him to agree with us in the action taken.—Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) JACOB SPEICHER.

Swatow, December 4th, 1925.

STRIKERS' LEAGUE IN SWATOW.

CIVIL GOVERNOR'S ACTION TO SECURE CONTROL.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Swatow, December 2nd.

There has been no great change in the position here during the past week, but gradually the Civil Governor, Mr. Chan Un Lai, is gathering all the reins of Government into his own strong hands.

Only yesterday he called a conference of representatives of all strikers in Swatow and succeeded in establishing a new Strikers' Representatives League to control the activities of the present strike committee. Is all this quiet, unobtrusive transference of control in anticipation of a forthcoming settlement? Does it mean that the Authorities do not wish to be embarrassed by the lawlessness and unreasonableness of irresponsible strike bodies? We sincerely hope so.

LATER.

I hear that the mayor of Swatow, Mr. Tan Koh Man secretly left Swatow for Amoy by the *Tong Kee* yesterday and that Mr. Sam Lak Meng, the head of the Seamen's Union in Swatow, has also departed. Both these men were regarded as extremists and, in some quarters, their withdrawal from Swatow is attributed to the policy being initiated by the new League to which I have referred and of which the Civil Governor acts as Chairman. If this is so it is a good omen for it can only mean that more sober Counsels are prevailing.

ARMED ROBBER COMMITTED.

The case in which a Chinese is charged with being concerned in an armed robbery which took place on the 17th of last month at the Kwok Li shipyard at Cheung Sha Wan, was resumed before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, and His Worship committed the man for trial.

SUMMARY COURT.

ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.
THE HANNIBAL-KUNG SHUN
CHEONG CASE.

Mr. Justice Wood delivered his full judgment yesterday in the case of The Kung Shun Cheong Firm v. W.A. Hannibal & Co. Both sides claimed damages for alleged breach of contract. His Honour had given verbal judgment previously, but in response to a request by Mr. H. L. Denny, solicitor for Messrs. W. A. Hannibal & Co., he agreed to set out his judgment in writing.

His Honour said that the parties were suing each other for alleged breaches of contract for the sale of goods. The original contract between the parties was dated August 5th and signed by both parties. Plaintiffs were the sellers and defendants the purchasers. According to this contract delivery was to be given within 60 days, which period expired on October 4th. On September 17th the parties again conferred, and the sellers' agent made a pencilled note in Chinese on the portion of the contract which was held by the purchasers. The note was as follows:—"Shipped on the 28th." As a result of that conference, the parties agreed to rescind the original contract and substituted for it a new contract. In this new contract the sellers undertook to deliver the goods six days in advance of the final day fixed in the original contract. They further undertook according to the interpretation given to the pencilled note, not only to deliver it that day, but in time and ready for shipment. This note was not signed.

On September 28th the purchasers asked for delivery of goods but the sellers said that they had not arrived but would arrive before October 4th. The purchasers then bought similar goods to fulfil a contract which they had made for re-sale. At 12 noon on the same day, a ship arrived in Hongkong with the goods. The sellers informed the purchasers and the goods were delivered at 3 p.m. The goods were unsealed oil, which arrived in kerosene tins. According to the contract it had to be transferred into drums before delivery. The purchasers refused to accept the goods. The sellers sued for damages because the purchasers failed to take the delivery, and the purchasers counter-claimed for damages for failure of delivery.

Continuing, Mr. Justice Wood said that the solicitor for plaintiffs, wanted to rely both on the original contract of August 5th and also on the contract of September 17th. He argued that it was merely a variation. But he (His Honour) found that it was the intention of both parties to rescind the first contract. He also found that the plaintiffs' claim on the contract of September 17th failed. They failed to deliver the oil in drums, ready for shipment on September 28th. It was necessary to have it delivered in drums, otherwise it was impossible to ship it the same day. Plaintiffs had therefore omitted to make due delivery.

Dealing with the claim and the counter claim, His Honour said that the crucial question was whether this second contract agreed with Section 4 of the Sale of Goods Ordinance. The haphazard addition of a pencil note was not sufficient to comply with it. He could not find any acknowledgment by either party of the signature. He did not think that the burden had been discharged by either party, and on that ground he would dismiss both claim and counter claim with costs.

Mr. H. L. Denny, represented Messrs. A. W. Hannibal & Co., and Mr. A. J. Arculli was for the Chinese firm.

CHINESE WIDOW SUE.

Before Mr. Justice Wood yesterday, the Kwong Nam Woo Co., were plaintiffs in an action in which they claimed \$1,062 from Chui King, a Chinese widow, for materials supplied in connection with the building of two houses. Plaintiffs waived their claim \$62 to bring the action within the jurisdiction of the Court.

Mr. W. D. Owen, for the plaintiffs, said that the case arose out of a contract to build two houses, and the amount concerned was for extra work done outside the contract. Instructions for doing the work were given by defendant's husband who had since died, and she had become owner of the property. She had said that she had not consented to this work being done and refused to pay for it. Her husband had at all times signed as his wife's agent.

Mr. Kam said he was superintendent of works for the plaintiff firm, and was in charge of the work on these houses. The architect had instructed him to carry out the extra work. This work was done by the foundations which were strengthened by concrete and cement. Defendant's late husband had visited the premises on several occasions and expressed his approval of the work.

Defendant said that her husband agreed to pay \$1,100 for the building, and if there was any extra work necessary, then they would have to do it without payment. Plaintiffs were non-suited with costs.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

FURTHER CHARGES MADE
AGAINST MR. ATHERLEY.

Mr. J. Edward Atherley, formerly manager of Getz Bros. & Co. (of the Orient), Ltd., who was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions early in November, on charges of the misappropriation of funds belonging to the Company, appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon in respect of four further charges of embezzlement.

When the case came up for trial at the Criminal Sessions last month it was adjourned until the December Sessions, following an application by Mr. Easley Zeitlyn, for the defence.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, who then appeared for the prosecution, applied for permission to add four other counts, stating that they had reference to the wrongful conversion of property, and were the result of an investigation of the accused's banking accounts.

The Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) intimated that they could not be added to the same indictment, but that a new indictment would have to be drawn up.

The charges brought against Mr. Atherley yesterday related to the conversion to his own use of four sums of money, namely \$1,641, \$1,112, \$73 and \$447, said to have been received by him on account of Getz Bros. & Co.

Mr. D. H. Blake appeared for the prosecution and Mr. W. B. Hind for the defence.

Mr. Blake, in his opening statement, said that the defendant was at the time referred to manager in Hongkong for Getz Bros. & Co. (of the Orient), Ltd. This Company was registered in America to carry on the business of importers and exporters in this Colony. The practice of the Company was to sell goods to Chinese and other dealers and the comprador, who handled that branch of the business, collected monies due from the dealers. The comprador had an agreement under which he was bound to obey the orders of the manager. As monies were received by the comprador, or the cashier, they were entered in a Chinese book and the names of the dealers were also entered. Various sums of money paid into the bank were also entered in a book. The comprador or cashier handed to the manager a deposit slip which gave the name of the dealer and the amount of money received. The manager, after receiving this, would give orders for the disposal of the money.

This statement was borne out by the comprador.

In cross-examination, witness said he did not know that he was down on the charge as the prosecutor. It was not true that if defendant was acquitted of the charge, the witness would have to pay the money the Company had lost, neither was it the fact that in the event of the defendant being found guilty he (the comprador) would not be held liable.

His Worship: Then it will not make any difference to you whether the defendant is found guilty or acquitted?

Witness: I don't know, in the event of a defendant being acquitted, whether the Company will try to hold me responsible for their loss.

Evidence was then given by the cashier of the comprador's department, which was corroborative to that given by the comprador. The money was paid into the bank until the manager gave instruction in March, 1924, that the money was to be paid to him direct.

His Worship, after hearing evidence regarding transactions with various customers, adjourned the case until noon to-day.

ARMED ROBBERY.

CHINESE FAMILY LOSE QUANTITY
OF JEWELLERY.

An armed robbery took place yesterday at No. 103, Kau Lung Chai, where a family of Chinese were robbed of a quantity of jewellery and money of the total value of \$220.

The report to the police states that the robbers, four in number, forced an entrance into the house through the front door.

So Chuen, aged 24 years, who made the report, stated that he was asleep in the cockpit with his younger brother, aged seven years, when he was awakened at 12.30 a.m. yesterday by hearing his grandfather, who slept in the sitting-room below, crying "Ay Yah." When he went down and opened the door of the sitting-room to see what was the matter, he was confronted by two men, one of whom pointed a revolver at him and ordered him to keep quiet; the other man held an electric torch. So Chuen was driven up to the cockpit, which was thoroughly ransacked by the two men. Two other men in the mean time forced his mother into her cubicle. After remaining in the house and searching it the four men decamped.

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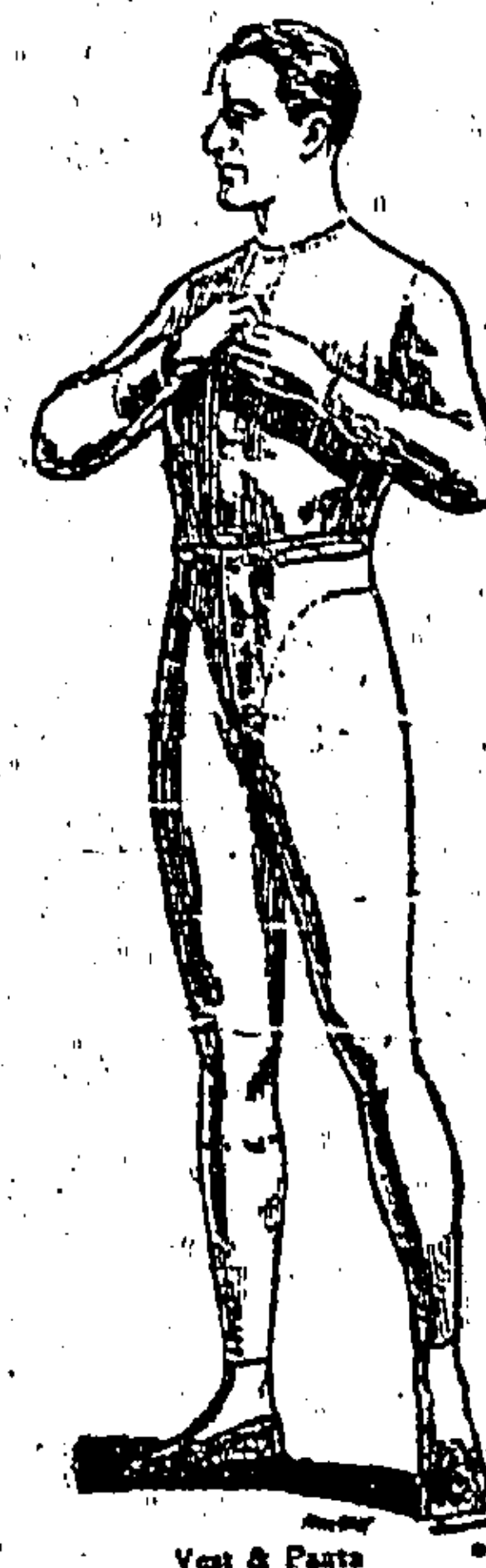
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Hongkong, 1st December, 1925. [2935]

CYMEITHAS DEVI SANT.
(HONGKONG.)

THE ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Society will be held at 5.15 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 16th DECEMBER, 1925, in Mr. D. J. Lewis' Office, Prince's Building.

D. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary. [2951]

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, at 11.30 o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the Year ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1925, and electing a Consulting Engineer and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 10th DECEMBER, 1925, until MONDAY, the 21st DECEMBER, 1925, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers. [2953]

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL BALL
TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1926.

THE Above Date has Now been Fixed for the ANNUAL BALL.

REEL PRACTICES will take place in the City Hall on FRIDAY, 19th FEBRUARY, and on TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, from 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Arrangements for Ball Tickets for Members and their Guests will remain as already instructed for the Original Date unless the HONORARY SECRETARY is Notified in Writing of any Changes on or before THURSDAY, 18th FEBRUARY, 1926.

On the day of the Registration of Mr. A. RITCHIE, the Duties of Hon. SECRETARY will now be undertaken by the Undersigned.

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General Manager,
THE KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [2949]

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Any objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within Seven Days from the Appearance of This Advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this Third day of December, 1925.

(Signed)
GEORGE MACDONALD YOUNG,
Attorney for Messrs. JOHN SWIRE & SONS, Ltd. [2944]

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THE OUTLOOK IN THE NORTH

THE collapse of Marshal CHANG TAO LIN's great army is plainly of enormous importance. But what can it be said to portend? A Tokyo cable tells us that Baron SHIDEHARA, Japan's Foreign Minister, believes that the situation created by this debacle means "the dawn of a new era in China." No doubt it does, but it is not at all clear yet that it affords reason for a great deal of optimism. It is by no means easy to disentangle the mass of intrigue which has brought this collapse about, and to discover grounds for any belief that it will make for peace and stable government in China. The patent facts of the situation are that the collapse of Marshal CHANG TAO LIN has been caused by the treachery of one of the cleverest and most trusted Generals of his own forces, just as CHANG's great rival, Marshal WU PEI FU, suffered temporary eclipse a couple of years ago by the treachery of "the Christian General" FENG YU HSIAO. What the relations are between the latter and General KUO SUNG LIEN, who has brought about the latest military debacle, have yet to be revealed. There has been nothing in the news from the North to show that KUO has placed himself under the orders of FENG, though he is evidently serving FENG's ends. Military satraps in China are all very much alike. They all profess an abhorrence of militarism, and General KUO's recent manifesto in which he talks of "the minds of those brutal militarists, such as CHANG TAO LIN, having

been poisoned by the cruel doctrine of militarism," is of the stereotyped kind adopted by every militarist who seeks public sympathy for his enterprise. Every one of them professes to be acting "in compliance with the will of the people"—while the true voice of the people cries "a plague to militarists, one and all!" After each coup of the kind the public is told that it means "the dawn of a new era in China," but experience proves that the more they change the more it means the same thing.

To all appearances Marshal FENG YU HSIAO ("the Christian General") now takes rank as the dominant military power in China. He is the titular leader of the Kuominchun Forces, which appears to consist of three distinct armies, but it has been very apparent lately that he is no more able to count upon the loyalty of his Generals than Marshal CHANG TAO LIN has been able confidently to rely on his. We heard a great deal a few weeks ago about CHANG bitterly accusing FENG of violating a Peace Pact arranged between them, by sending a Hunan army into Shanung. The explanation which has been offered of the incident is that the Hunan General acted independently of the will or order of the Christian General. Whether this was a mere "face-saving" excuse, or substantial proof of a breach between Marshal FENG and the commander of one of the armies he nominally controls has remained a matter of speculation, but the truth must very soon be revealed now. It is impossible to think that CHANG TAO LIN's elimination will be permanent, and it is yet much too soon, we think, to be regarding the immediate outlook optimistically, especially in view of the reported attitude of hostility towards the Kuominchun adopted by General LI CHING LIN, the Military Governor of Chihli.

In this connection attention may be drawn also to the sensational news which comes from Moscow, via Riga, of "serious military preparations" by the Soviet Union of feverish activity in munition factories and of the transfer of several army divisions from West Siberia to the borders of Manchuria and Mongolia. When we read this in the light of the speech by ZIMINOFF, also reported in the cables to-day, concerning the progress in China of "the world revolution—begun in Moscow," and when we bear in mind the reports that Marshal FENG YU HSIAO has been largely relying on Soviet sources for his military supplies, nothing can be simpler than to apprehend that these troops are intended to advance "the world revolution" in China. If a Chinese General may draw upon Soviet sources for munitions, why not for men also? Such a possibility, perhaps, makes ZIMINOFF's prophecy of "noticeable successes in Japan in the near future," more plausible than it would be otherwise. If a Russian advance into Manchuria involved another Russo-Japanese war, the Bolsheviks in Japan would get an opportunity that they would never be likely to get otherwise. These are alarmist speculations, but in view of the propaganda of the Soviet in China they are not likely to be readily dismissed in the public mind as entirely chimerical. If the Soviet Government were asked for an explanation, it would in all probability say that these movements of troops are designed purely for the defence of Soviet territory whose peace and order are menaced by the warfare in the adjoining Chinese territory. There will be serious misgivings in the public mind on the subject, however, and time alone must be left to dispel of confirm them.

Lieut. G. C. Fawcett, R.A., has rejoined his unit in Hongkong from recruiting duty in India.

A telegram from Amsterdam announces the death of Miss Wilhelmina Drucker, Holland's first suffragette.

Mr. Henri Berenger, states a Reuter cable from Paris, has been appointed French Ambassador to Washington.

The ship's company of H.M.S. *Hermes* held another successful dance at the Seamen's Institute last night.

A Reuter despatch from New York announces the death of Mr. Percival Smith Hill, President of the American Tobacco Company.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Templeton were among the passengers who arrived from Manila by the R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* yesterday.

Major A. L. Cruickshank, D.S.O., and Mrs. Cruickshank, Capt. L. W. Bennett, Lieut. R. J. Richards and Lieut. F. A. Henslowe, O.B.E., have left the Colony for India.

Capt. and Mrs. C. E. Lugard, East Surrey Regiment, Major A. L. Littlejohns, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., and the Rev. R. J. Northcott and Mrs. Northcott have left for Home.

The Right Rev. Bishop Hind, accompanied by Miss Hind, who will arrive in the Colony by the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* to-morrow, is Bishop of Fochow. He is returning from a visit to England.

The s.s. *Tahiti*, which was due yesterday with Home and Europe papers, dated London, November 5th, via Negapatnam, has been delayed by bad weather on the way from Singapore and is now due here to-morrow.

Passengers arriving by the R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* from Manila yesterday included Mr. Buscombe, ex-mayor of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Lockyer, who are on a round-the-world tour. Mr. Lockyer is connected with the Hudson Bay Company.

The second of a series of six concerts in aid of the Organ Fund, will be held at 8 p.m. this evening in the Cathedral Hall, when selections will be given by the Hongkong Male Voice Choir (Mr. Stanley Collett) and other contributions by Mrs. M. Minney, Mr. H. Edwin Gardner and Mr. Li Chor-Chi.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., seven junkmasters were each fined \$3, with the alternative of three days' hard labour for mooring inshore. At the same court, a boatmistress was fined \$3, with three days' hard labour in default, for having on board her craft dangerous goods (kerosine oil) in other than a dangerous goods anchorage.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

INSPECTS FRONTIER FROM THE AIR.

His Excellency the Governor personally inspected the frontier of the New Territory from the air on Monday afternoon last. Five seaplanes left H.M.S. *Hermes* at about 2.30 p.m., took up formation over Castle Peak at a height of 5,000 feet, and then flew along the British side of the frontier to Shau Tau Kok and back to Hongkong. Visual communication was established with the standing pickets en route, and the formation broke up for landing independently when over West Point. Ideal flying conditions, and excellent visibility helped the purpose of the flight, and much of value was observed.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL MAIL.

DUE FROM HOME TO-MORROW.

When the P. & O. s.s. *Macedonia* arrives here to-morrow with letters and papers (London, November 12th) from Home and Europe via Suez, she will also land the first batch of Christmas parcel mail from Home. The parcels are dated London November 5th, and 1,042 ordinary parcels and 275 insured packages, contained in 160 bags are on board. The majority are heavy parcels. Parcels up to three pounds in weight number 351, and between this and seven pounds the number is 489, while between seven and eleven pounds there are 470.

The Christmas mails from Canada and the U.S.A. are on board the R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, due to reach Hongkong on December 17th.

PIRATES BUSY.

CANTON OFFICIALS HELD FOR RANSOM.

It is reported from Canton that the Puine Judge of Canton and one of the chiefs of the picket corps have been captured by bandits operating in Kwangtung Province.

The Puine Judge, it appears, was on a launch proceeding from Canton to the Ching Seng Circuit for the winter session, and whilst on his way, the launch was pirated and the Judge captured. Reports state that \$7,000 have been demanded by the bandits as ransom.

The other incident concerns Fung Kwan Chang, described as the chief of the 15th Section of the 3rd Detachment of the Picket Corps. He was stationed at Shu-lam, and was returning to Canton on "official business" by the s.s. *Leung Kwong*, when the vessel was pirated and Fung was kidnapped, together with others.

A ransom of \$10,000 is demanded by the bandits for his release. The matter has been reported to the authorities by the Strike Union.

A SILENT ASSOCIATION.

H.K.B.A. AND CARTLIDGE.

(BY RADIOGRAPH.)

It is a regulation of the Hongkong Boxing Association that its members must not give an opinion to the Press, concerning any controversy that may arise in local boxing circles. So I was informed yesterday by Mr. R. M. Dyer, the Chairman of the Association, when I requested him to give his views concerning the refusal of C.P.O. Jim Cartledge to fight Stoker Morris of H.M.S. *Hermes*.

In Saturday's *Daily Press*, there appeared the report of an interview I had with the Light-Weight Champion of the Colony, Cartledge, unhesitatingly, and frankly stated why he had refused to fight Morris. I had no intention of showing any favour to Cartledge. I was merely influenced by a desire to know the real reasons for the collapse of the arrangements for the fight, which local boxing enthusiasts, with whom I include myself, were hoping to see staged.

All that the Chairman of the Association was disposed to say was that the Association had offered a purse, that Cartledge had refused to accept, and there the matter ended.

I have heard it whispered that Cartledge will never again fight in Hongkong. I hope that is not true.

The audience at the Theatre Royal on Monday night was not large, because of the absence of a big fight, and if the Association want a full house, then such an attraction must not be absent from their future programmes.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

The monthly water return gives the storage in the reservoirs supplying the City as 1,450 million gallons on December 1st against 1,800 million on the same date last year. The consumption—250 million gallons—during the month of November shows a decrease of 20 million gallons on the corresponding month last year. The "estimated" population shows an increase of ten thousand. On this basis the consumption per head shows a decrease, though a full supply was given in November, 1925, against a partially intermittent supply in November last year. It is clear that the estimate requires revision. In the absence of a recent census it is probable that the water consumed is the best available measure of the population. Though the rainfall to date is slightly above the average and all reservoirs have filled and the consumption is below that of last year, a curtailed supply is advertiser to begin from the 6th December. This is to some extent due to an unequal distribution of rainfall, that of the late summer and autumn months having been considerably below the average, but at the same time it points to the necessity of pushing on the new Shing Mun works with all possible speed.

At Kowloon the storage, including the new reservoir at Shek Lai Pui, amounts to 384 million gallons against 337 million on the same date last year, the month's consumption was 73 million gallons—the same as last year.

WAR CLOUDS IN NORTH CHINA.

JAPANESE COMMANDER IN KWANTUNG READY TO PROTECT NIPPONESE NATIONALS.

RUMOURS OF RUSSIAN MOBILISATION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, December 7th.

As the result of the theatre of hostilities in Manchuria nearing the Japanese defence zone, the Tokyo War Office announces the text of a communication, which the Commander of the Japanese Army in Kwantung expects to send simultaneously to the rival Chinese Commanders, whose troops are now fighting in Manchuria.

After emphasising Japan's strict non-interference policy in the past, he warns the Chinese that if hostilities in the railway zone or adjacent districts jeopardise Japanese lives or property, the Japanese troops may be constrained to act.

SENDING NO REINFORCEMENTS.

At this morning's Cabinet Council, it was decided not to despatch reinforcements to Manchuria.

Foreign Office advices state that 300 railway guards from Liaoyang were sent to Mukden yesterday as a precaution. It is further stated that the Mukden Japanese residents have closed their shops and offices, as they fear looting by the defeated troops.

SOVIET MOVING TROOPS.

London, December 7th.

The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Riga says information has been received from Moscow with regard to serious

military preparations by the Soviet Union. This shows that the Government has adopted a plan for the mobilisation of industry in the event of war, this plan having been drawn up by a Mobilisation Commission.

The powder works at Schlusburg, Ocha and Kazan have begun to work intensively, whilst the Fala and Perm rifle factories are working day and night.

Several divisions of troops have been moved from West Siberia into maritime territory and to the borders of Manchuria and Mongolia.

CONFIDENCE OF ZINOVIEFF.

London, December 7th.

The Daily Telegraph correspondent at Riga telegraphs that M. Zinovieff, in a speech referring to events in China, declared that the movement in the East had transformed the commencement of the revolution in Europe into the beginning of a world revolution. Already they could note some successes in China. Canton was at present very much like Moscow and undoubtedly other centres would join it.

"We shall have in the near future," said M. Zinovieff, "notable successes in Japan, a country which is, so to speak, pregnant with bourgeois revolution. The workmen's movement will surely start there and no repressions will be able to stop it."

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Moscow, December 8th.

Play in the twentieth round of the international chess tournament, has assured first place to M. Bogoljubow with fifteen points.

The next round will decide whether M. Laaker is second and M. Capablanca third, or whether the two tie.

M. Bogoljubow's victory does not deprive M. Capablanca of the title of world's champion.

EARLIER CABLES.

SAFEGUARDING INDUSTRIES.

BILL PASSES FIRST READING IN COMMONS.

London, December 7th.

The House of Commons after a discussion on the report stage of the three safeguarding resolutions passed in committee last week, has confirmed the embodied special finance Bill, entitled the Safeguarding of Industries Customs Duties Bill, which was formally read a first time.

FRENCH FINANCES.

OPPOSITION EMBODY OBJECTIONS IN SEVEN BILLS.

Paris, December 7th.

The scope which the Opposition will exercise in disagreement with the comprehensive financial policy of M. Loucheur is embodied in seven separate Bills, including measures for creating fresh sources of revenue, establishing a sinking fund, preventing fiscal frauds and the flight of capital, altering railway rates, and improving methods for collection of income tax.

M. Loucheur hopes ultimately to secure an additional eight milliard francs annually.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

M. LOUCHEUR'S PLANS.

Paris, December 8th.

M. Loucheur's Finance Plan is included in six Bills. They provide for new revenues, creating a sinking fund, punishing makers of false tax returns, providing for the exchange of Rentes, revising railroad rates and perfecting the general machinery of revenue and taxes.

SPY SCARE IN FRANCE.

A NEW "MATA HARI" IS UNDER ARREST.

Paris, December 7th.

Great interest is being taken in the case of a young woman named Marcelle Monseil, otherwise Marthe Moreil, described in the Press as a new Mata Hari. She has been arrested on a charge of being a spy in the service of a foreign Power, for the purpose of enquiring into the aviation services of France.

Miss Monseil, interrogated by the examining magistrate, admitted that she had been engaged in espionage work since March last on behalf of certain English merchants, stated to be dealers in wireless apparatus. She stated she had been investigating the number, make and capacity of aeroplanes at the bases at St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, Hyeres, and Straphael, and the organisation of aerodromes.

Three other persons, stated to be Englishmen, for whom Miss Monseil worked, were subsequently brought before the magistrate and examined secretly; after which all four were taken to prison.

It is stated that Miss Monseil, nearly eluded the police, as she read in the papers news of the arrest of a man who was alleged to be also engaged in espionage, whereupon she immediately destroyed documents she was carrying hidden in her clothing.

[The reference is to the dancer Mata Hari, who was involved in an espionage plot against the Allies during the war, and was subsequently tried, found guilty, and executed by a firing squad. Mata Hari is the Malay term for the sun, literally the eye of the day.]

MR. LOCKER-LAMPSON.

APPOINTED UNDER SECRETARY AT FOREIGN OFFICE.

London, December 7th.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson has been appointed Parliamentary Under Secretary at the Foreign Office in succession to Mr. Ronald McNeill, who was last month appointed Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr. Godfrey Locker-Lampson, who has been M.P. for Wood Green since 1918, is 50 years of age. He was educated at Eton and Cambridge and was called to the Bar in 1908. He first entered Parliament in 1910, representing Salisbury. He was Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Home Office from 1923 to 1924.

RAILWAY CONFERENCE.

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING MEETS AT MOSCOW.

Moscow, December 7th.

An International Railway Conference has opened here to discuss the problem of through traffic from the Far East to Western Europe via Soviet Russia. The conference is attended by representatives of the Soviet Government, France, Germany, Japan, Latvia, Esthonia, Lithuania and Poland. The proposed through route will cover about 8,700 miles and be the longest in the world. The journey from Tokyo to Paris will take a fortnight.

WORLD EMIGRATION.

FORTY-FIVE NATIONS AT ROME CONFERENCE.

Rome, December 7th.

Forty-five nations are represented in the committee of the International Conference on Emigration, the outcome of the Rome conference in 1924.

Signor Mussolini, welcoming the delegates, extolled the work of the Rome conference, prominently drawing attention to the problems of migration to which the war had given exceptional importance.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

RESULTS OF LEAGUE AND CUP MATCHES.

London, December 7th.

Replayed tie in the first round of the English Cup resulted as follows:

Bradford, 2; Lincoln, 1.
Reading, 2; Torquay, 0.
Blyth Spartans, 1; Hartlepool, 1.
Kettering, 2; Worcester, 2.

LEAGUE MATCHES.

In the First Division of the English League, Burnley beat Birmingham by 3 to 1, whilst in the Second Division Portsmouth defeated South Shields by 4 to 2.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINESE GENERAL SHOT.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE HONG CHAU LING.

INCIDENT ON U.S. LINER.

SHANGHAI, December 7th.

Lieutenant-General Hong Chau Ling, a partisan of General Chen Chiung Ming, who was en route from Canton to Hunan, was shot aboard the s.s. *President Pierce*, last evening, as the ship was nearing Wusung.

He was shot by a Cantonese cabin-boy, who entered the General's cabin and discharged five shots point blank. The General was hit in the nose, abdomen and arm. He has been removed to hospital and it is believed he will recover.

The cabin-boy committed suicide. The motive is believed to have been political.

BOOM IN RUBBER.

WILD RUSH FOR SHARES ON LONDON EXCHANGE.

London, December 7th.

The Stock Exchange excitement over rubber shares is more acute than ever, this morning's large accumulation of orders together with the firmness of the commodity causing a wild rush for shares at soaring prices.

LATER.

There was wild excitement on the rubber market yesterday owing to the accumulation of week-end orders. Subsequently profit-taking occurred in some directions and the final quotations were below the best, but the tone remains confident.

LATEST CABLES.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

VICTORY FOR "REST" IN TEST TRIAL AT SYDNEY.

Sydney, December 7th.

In a Test trial match, played here, a team representing the "Rest" defeated Australia by 156 runs.

The "Rest," in their first innings, made 380 (Macarney 84, Victor Richard 101, Kelleway 50 not out).

In their second innings they scored 299 runs for 5 wickets, when the innings was declared closed. Bardsley and Loe each making 54.

Hendry, for Australia, took 5 wickets for 54.

Australia, at the first attempt scored 230 (Collins 102, Arthur Richardson 57, Loe 44, Hendry 44, captured 4 wickets for 49).

The second innings of the team representing Australia realised 299 (Gregory 100, Collins 81).

Grimmett took 5 wickets for 91 and Blackie 4 for 71.

EARLIER CABLES.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

POLITICS IN AMERICA.

REPUBLICANS IN FULL CONTROL OF LOWER HOUSE.

Washington, December 7th.

The preponderance of regular Republicans in the House of Representatives was demonstrated by the election of Mr. Longworth as Speaker, also the adoption of rules in the House.

Despite the combined opposition of Democrats and Republican insurgents, the vote for adoption of the rules was 208 to 198.

AUSTRALIA AND U.S.A.

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION PLANS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.

Melbourne, December 7th.

The Rockefeller Foundation has offered to establish reciprocal research scholarships between American and Australian universities. Mr. Copland, who is Professor of Commerce at Melbourne University, has been invited to the United States to settle the details of the scheme, which is somewhat similar to the Rhodes scholarships. Candidates must be graduated in economics and commerce.

TAXES IN U.S.A.

REPRESENTATIVES PLAN RELIEF IN INCOME TAX.

Washington, December 7th.

Before the adjournment, the House of Representatives passed a bill reducing the agenda tax reduction Bill reducing the next year's revenue by 238 thousand dollars, of which 194 thousand will represent relief of income tax.

OUR LONDON LETTER.

BRITISH TRADE FEATURED IN LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

ANGLICAN VICAR'S CHALLENGE TO THE NONCONFORMISTS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

London, November 14th.

MARRIAGES IN CHURCH.

The question is often asked why it is individual clergymen make it difficult for liberal-minded people to promote good fellowship among the various denominations of the Christian Church. The Vicar of Cheshunt is one of these, and he also appears bent on destroying the claim of the Church of England to be a national Church. A few days ago he refused, as a matter of principle, to celebrate a marriage between a Nonconformist bridegroom and an Anglican bride.

The bridegroom who applied to him was the son of a missionary, and, it seems, a Congregationalist. But since the bridegroom had not received the baptism of the Church of England, he was ineligible, in the view of the Vicar of Cheshunt, to receive its marriage blessing.

AGAINST THE LAW.

This incident is naturally the subject of considerable comment here. It is pointed out that the Vicar's refusal is a breach of the law of the land, according to which any two people who are legally entitled to marry can claim to be married in church. Such illegal refusals have already occurred in the cases of divorced persons and deceased wife's sisters, where a section of the Anglican clergy are anxious to emphasise the difference between the law established by Parliament and what they assert to be the law of Christ.

But, of course, these are rare categories. It is going very much further to ostracise all Free Churchmen as such, and refuse to celebrate any marriage in church unless not one but both of the spouses is a baptised member of the Church of England. Even the Roman Catholic Church is less exclusive; it habitually consents to celebrate marriages where only one of the spouses is a Roman Catholic, provided certain undertakings are given as to the upbringing of the children.

It is very likely that more will be heard of this case. No doubt those who want Disestablishment will make the most of it. If the Anglican Church were disestablished it is said nobody could object to its right to act as a peculiarly exclusive sect; but while it retains its national status and enjoys national revenues it ought to discharge national obligations.

THE POLLY OF FASCISM.

The Government authorities are not at all pleased with the Fascist Party here whose interference with public meetings of the Labour Party is apt to lead to trouble. The London police would be glad if they could get rid of the wearing black shirts and drilling and posturing at their headquarters; but it is another matter when they appear in public and create a disturbance. Their favourite plan of showing their fervent patriotism is to capture a Red flag from Socialists to the strains of "God Save the King." Naturally this leads to a row, and police intervention, and occasionally some broken heads.

The fact is that in this sold and great country where freedom of opinion is allowed there is no need of self-appointed defenders of national interests. The police—and it needs be the Army and Navy—can do all that is required if any of our home-bred revolutionaries go too far. Anyway there is no room for Fascists on the Italian model to assist the Government to carry out its duties which properly belong to Government. This is how the public at large see it.

The other day a gang of Fascist hoodlums made off with a motor car containing 8,000 copies of the *Daily Herald*. Many people here have no love for the Labour party in question, but things would soon become intolerable if every faction which disliked a paper for its political opinions were to be allowed to confiscate supplies on the way to the newsagents. We should have Labour hot-heads throwing a day's issue of the *Times* into the Thames.

THE FLANDERS POPPIES.

It was pleasant to see as one passed along the streets of London on November 11th how well the public had responded to Lord Haig's appeal to wear a Flanders poppy. It was seldom that one failed to find the red flower in a man's button-hole, and, of course, the women were glad to wear the poppy, too. The fund sent out 26 million poppies last year, and this year the number stated has been increased by five millions. The poppies went to all parts of the United Kingdom and to such Dominions and Colonies as have not similar funds of their own. As an instance of the widespread character of the appeal which "Poppy Day" has now made, it is stated with appreciation in the Press here that last year Hongkong got 25,000 by the sale.

The fact that "Poppy Day" comes late in the year puts the observance in a place, by itself, it does not compete, as it were, with the customary flag days and flower days organised in the summer for other deserving causes. I learn that the officials of the fund are well satisfied with the London results, but it will be some weeks before they are in a position to say how much money has been obtained.—H.B.

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SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS.

December 7th.
Amakusa Maru, Japanese str., 2,350 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Keelung, Amoy and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—U.S.S.
Fulestut, Dutch str., 707 tons, Capt. Y. H. Cuersens, from Haiphong, lying at A.P.C. Wharf.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.
 December 8th.
Andre Lebon, French str., 13,691 tons, Capt. Gregory, from Yokohama and Shanghai, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—M.M.
Devenough, British str., 1,047 tons, Capt. G. Gillespie, from Tourane, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 100.—Chau Yue Ting.
Empress of Asia, British str., 8,883 tons, Capt. L. D. Douglas, from Manila, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 41.—C.P.R.
Kohs Maru, Japanese str., 2,607 tons, Capt. U. Okubo, from Keelung, with a cargo of coal, lying at buoy No. 131.—O.S.K.

CLEARANCES.

December 8th.
Andre Lebon, for Saigon.
Celebes Maru, for Singapore.
Gilboa, for Sandakan.
Hua Ying, for Amoy.
Kaiyong, for Bangkok.
Kwang Sang, for Shanghai.
Kwai Sang, for Hoilow.
Nanking, for Amoy.
Tai Sze Ma, for Kwang Chow Wan.
Valeurus, for Haiphong.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.
 Per s.s. *Andre Lebon*, on December 8th:—Mr. and Mrs. Nishiyama.
 Per R.M.S. *Empress of Asia*, from Manila, on December 8th:—Mr. Eusebio, Mr. and Mrs. Lockyer, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad, Miss Best, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Benson, Mr. F. H. Garret, Mr. J. Coulthart, Mrs. H. C. Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. Ting Sun Po, Mrs. Chan Nam, Mrs. Ling San Ning, Mr. V. S. Jays.
 DEPARTURES.
 Per M.M. s.s. *Andre Lebon*, for Manila, on December 8th:—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cooper, Mrs. Beauville, Mrs. Longfellow, Miss Longfellow, Mr. W. S. Hudson, Rev. Fr. Calumet, Mr. M. Jamison, Mr. L. M. Gomes, Mr. A. Rocha, Mr. A. de Abordo, Mr. D. da Costa, Mr. J. Rodriguez, Mr. J. Pacheco, Mr. A. Lapouge, Mr. V. Nicol, Mr. M. Franchi, Mr. and Mrs. Nodia, Mr. and Mrs. F. Noguchi, Mr. Le Kok Fu, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Hing, Mr. Tuiuh Tao Quan, Mr. E. A. Hardoon, Mr. Ngan See and Mr. Low Sam Lee.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The shipping statement for yesterday showed that the total number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 61, of which 38 were British.

For the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, there were fourteen arrivals, a number above the usual average, of which five were British, two American, one Dutch, five Japanese, and one Chinese. The departures for the same period numbered eight. Of the arrivals, three vessels had called at Swatow en route to Hongkong.

The total cargo entered for Hongkong for the above period was 10,046 tons, of which the biggest entries were the s.s. *Devenough* (Br.) 1,900, the s.s. *Chinhuu* (Br.) 1,157, and the s.s. *Amakusa* (Dutch) 1,879, against 6,223 tons entered for the previous twenty-four hours. Cargo for ports beyond totalled 11,312, compared with 7,250 tons the previous day. The combined cargo entered came to 21,358 tons, against the previous entry of 13,473 tons. Deck passengers entered totalled 200, of which the s.s. *President Harrison* brought 91 from San Francisco and Shanghai, the s.s. *Amakusa Maru* 102 from Keelung and Swatow and the s.s. *Taiyo Maru* 85 from San Francisco and Shanghai.

The arrivals for the period referred to were the s.s. *Empress of Asia* (Br.) from Manila with 16 tons of rope, hemp and cigars and mail; the s.s. *Devenough* (Br.) from Hoilow and Tourane with 900 tons of salt and 300 tons of general cargo; the s.s. *Kwang Sang* (Br.) from Shanghai and Swatow with 549 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Chinhuu* (Br.) from Bangkok and Hoilow with 1,107 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Pahidua* (Br.) from San Francisco and Shanghai with mail; the s.s. *Patric Henry* (American) from New Orleans and Swatow with case oil; the s.s. *President Harrison* (American) from San Francisco and Shanghai with 455 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Amakusa* (Dutch) from Balikpapan with 1,000 tons of bulk oil and 870 tons of shell; benzine and mail; the s.s. *Iyo Maru* (Japanese) from Seattle and Manila with 783 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Amakusa Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung and Swatow with 550 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Kohs Maru* (Japanese) from Keelung with 707 tons of general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Celebes Maru* (Japanese) from Yokohama and mail; the s.s. *Taiyo Maru* (Japanese) from San Francisco and Shanghai with 811 tons of general cargo, consisting of cotton yarn, onions, potatoes, fresh fruits and merchandise and mail and the s.s. *Ding On* (Chinese) with dried ginger-root and mail.

The majority of the vessels entering reported encountering a strong N.E. monsoon, strong winds and heavy seas.

CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest changes on the China Coast steamers:—
 Mr. E. H. Histed, has signed off as master of the *Sinkiang*.
 Mr. James Frings, has signed off as master of the *Sinkiang*, and has gone master of the *Yangchow*.
 Mr. J. R. Shearer, *Anking*, has gone master in the *Sinkiang*.
 Mr. R. Atkinson, *Saskatoon*, has gone 3rd mate of the *Kaiyong*.
 Mr. E. Edmondson, has signed off the *Haining* as 3rd mate.
 Mr. K. Duncan, *Saskatoon*, has gone 3rd mate of the *Haining*.
 Mr. H. O. Lewis, has signed off as supernumerary 2nd mate of the *Kwang Sang*.
 Mr. J. M. Xavier, has signed off as 1st engineer of the *Sui Tai*.
 Mr. E. S. Macpherson, has signed off the *Kaiyong*, and has gone 2nd mate of the *Chinhuu*.
 Mr. W. L. Shiner, has signed off as 1st mate of the *Sinkiang*, and has gone 1st mate of the *Kaiyong*.
 Mr. W. P. Bruce, has signed off as 1st mate of the *Kwangchow*, and has gone 1st mate of the *Sinkiang*.
 Mr. A. A. Jamieson, has signed off as 1st engineer of the *Kwangchow*, and has gone 1st engineer of the *Kaiyong*.
 Mr. E. W. Matthews and Mr. T. O. B. Harman, have signed off the *Sui Tai* as master and 1st engineer respectively.
 Messrs. N. B. Caird, W. S. Ritchie, J. E. Richards and A. W. Howell, have signed off the *Belgic* as 3rd mate, 2nd engineer, 4th engineer and 3rd engineer respectively and have signed on the *Dredg* in similar capacities.
 Messrs. E. L. Sage, T. M. Davidson, C. M. Martin and C. H. Whitehouse, have signed off the *Dredg* as 3rd mate, 2nd engineer, 3rd engineer and 4th engineer respectively and have signed on the *Belgic* in similar capacities.

DOCKING OF THE "EMPRESS" LINES.

After discharging her passengers and cargo yesterday, following her arrival from Manila, the R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* proceeded to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock for the purpose of undergoing the annual overhaul which is carried out on all the *Empress* liners about this time of the year. She leaves Hongkong again for Vancouver on January 7th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Canada*, which leaves Hongkong for Manila on December 13th, arriving there on December 20th, will be the next vessel to undergo the overhaul and will proceed to Taikeo Dock on the day of her arrival here from Manila. She will sail for Vancouver, following repairs, on January 22nd.

The *Empress of Russia*, which leaves Hongkong on January 1st for Manila, reaching there on January 3rd, and arriving back in Hongkong on January 6th, will go to the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock for overhaul and will leave for Vancouver on February 5th.

The *Empress of Australia* will be the last to go to dock. She goes to the Taikeo Dock on January 16th and leaves again for Vancouver on February 10th.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. *Taluna* which was due here yesterday from Calcutta via Singapore has been delayed by bad weather and is expected to arrive on the 10th inst.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Agra (Swedish East Asiatic), due Jan. 1st, 1926.
Amboise (M.M.), due December 11th.
Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due Dec. 17th.
Formosa (Swedish East Asiatic), due December 22nd.
Kashmir (P. & O.), due to-day.
Macedonia (P. & O.), due to-morrow.
Tilawa (B.I. & A.), due to-morrow.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1925.

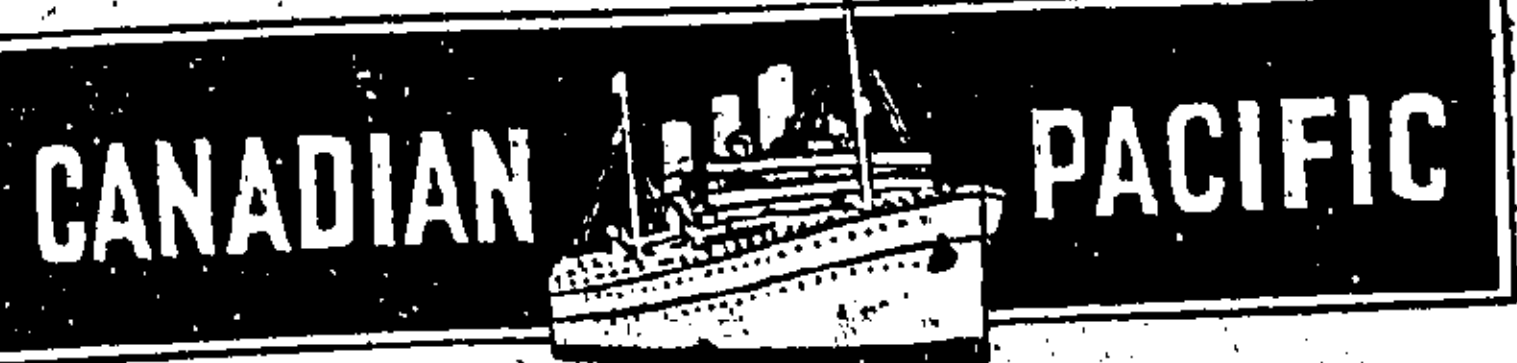
(Standard of the 180th Meridian, East of Greenwich.)

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
December 9th.....	6.52 a.m.	5.39 p.m.
" 10th.....	6.52	5.40
" 11th.....	6.53	5.40
" 12th.....	6.53	5.40
" 13th.....	6.54	5.40
" 14th.....	6.54	5.41
" 15th.....	6.55	5.41
" 16th.....	6.55	5.41
" 17th.....	6.56	5.42
" 18th.....	6.57	5.42
" 19th.....	6.57	5.43
" 20th.....	6.58	5.43
" 21st.....	6.58	5.44
" 22nd.....	6.59	5.45
" 23rd.....	6.59	5.45
" 24th.....	7.00	5.45
" 25th.....	7.00	5.46
" 26th.....	7.01	5.46
" 27th.....	7.01	5.47
" 28th.....	7.02	5.48
" 29th.....	7.02	5.48
" 30th.....	7.02	5.49
" 31st.....	7.03	5.49

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, December 8th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer.....	30.22	30.22	30.15
Temperature.....	67	59	66
Humidity.....	81	35	28
Wind Direction.....	NNE	N	East
Force.....	3	3	3
Weather.....	0	B	B
Rain.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature on 7th.....	67		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 8th.....	58		



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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 30	Feb. 9
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 6	Feb. 8	Feb. 11	Feb. 13	Feb. 23
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 23
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 10
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 19
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Apr. 16	Apr. 19	Apr. 22	Apr. 24	May 3
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 2	May 5	May 8	May 10	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 16	May 19	May 22	May 24	Jun. 6
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 30	Jun. 2	Jun. 5	Jun. 7	Jun. 14
EMPRESS OF AUSTRALIA	Jun. 13	Jun. 16	Jun. 19	Jun. 21	Jul. 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jun. 27	Jul. 1	Jul. 4	Jul. 6	Jul. 13

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BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo. ... Saturday, 12th Dec.
SADO MARU ... Saturday, 12th Dec.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... Thursday, 17th Dec.
AKI MARU ... Thursday, 17th Dec.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ... Wednesday, 9th Dec.
HAKATA MARU ... Saturday, 13th Dec.
TAMBA MARU ... Tuesday, 15th Dec.
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SANDAKAN	"MAUSANG"	Friday	18th Dec. at Noon
HAIPHONG via HOIHOW	"MINGSANG"	Tuesday	20th Dec. at Noon
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	"HOSANG"	Thursday	24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN	"EINSANG"	Saturday	26th Dec. at Noon
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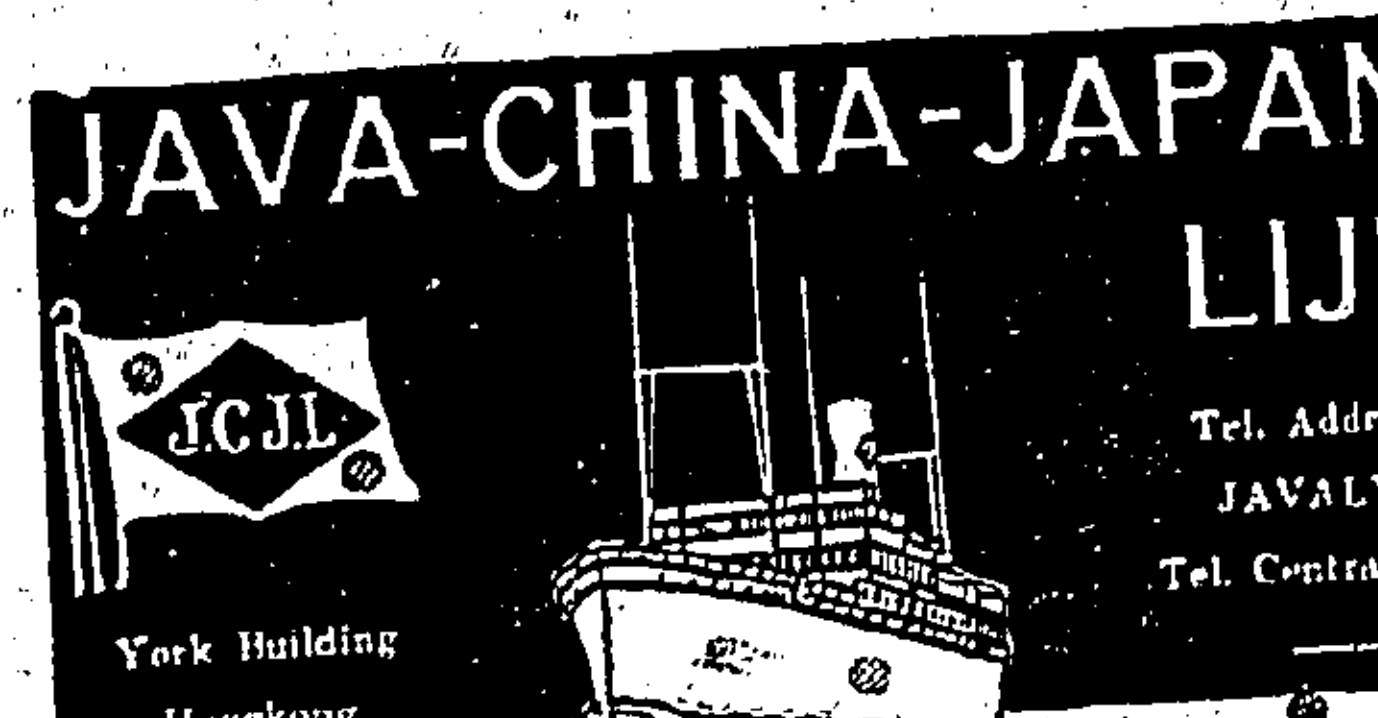
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TJURODAS	JAVA via MANAR	14th "	16th "	AMOT & SHANGHAI
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TJILWONG	N. CHINA & AMOT	23rd "	25th "	MANAR & S'BAIA
TJITABOEM	JAPAN	24th "	26th "	SHANGHAI
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	27th "	29th "	SHANGHAI
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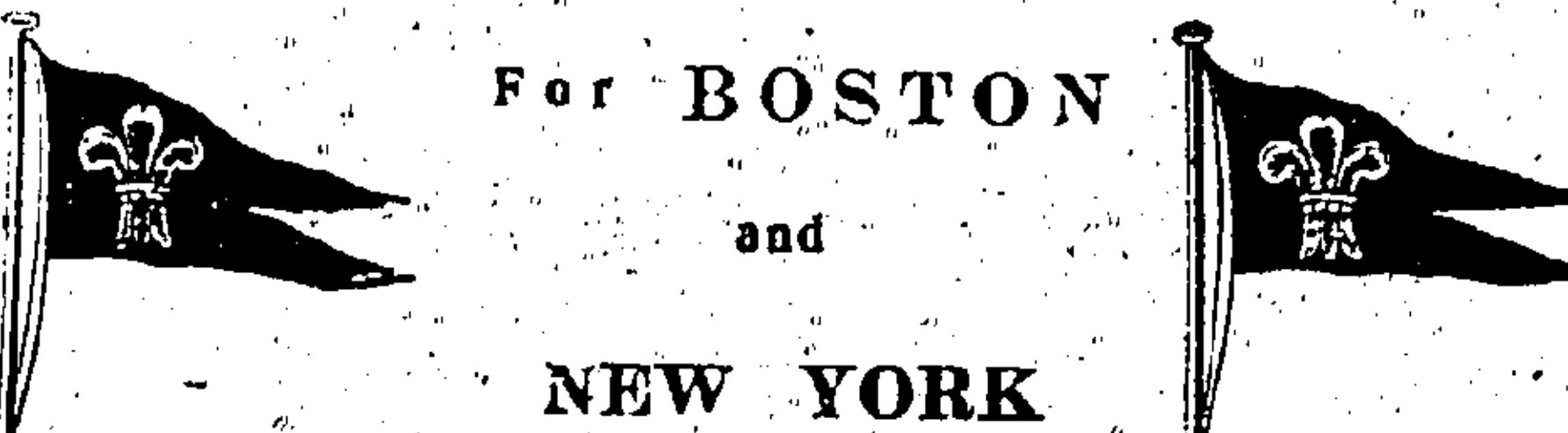
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"KASHGAR"	9,003	26th Dec. 1923	Mars., London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	9th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Jan.	Marseilles, London, A'werp. and Hull.
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"MALWA"	10,941	6th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
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"KASHMIR"	8,955	13th Mar.	Mars., L'don., A'werp., and Hamburg.
"KHYBER"	9,114	27th Mar.	Marseilles, London, and Antwerp.
"MOBEA"	10,918	3rd Apr.	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	17th Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	21st Apr.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
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"TAMLA"	10,000	20th Dec.	do.
"TAKADA"	8,949	11th Jan.	do.

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"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	2nd Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Apr.	do.
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"TANDA"	6,958	2nd June	do.

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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	11th Dec. 10.00 a.m.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	12th Dec.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	24th Dec.	Kobe.
"KHYBER"	9,114	26th Dec. 1923.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,819	2nd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	6th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	9th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KARMALA"	9,128	23rd Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	6th Feb.	do.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	6th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	6th Feb.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	20th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MOBEA"	10,911	6th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KALYAN"	9,144	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,135	20th Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,003	16th Apr.	do.
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th Apr.	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	8th May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,902	28th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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